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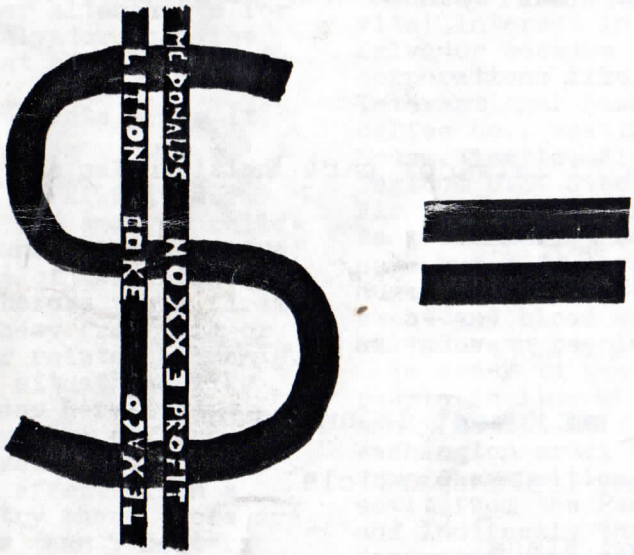

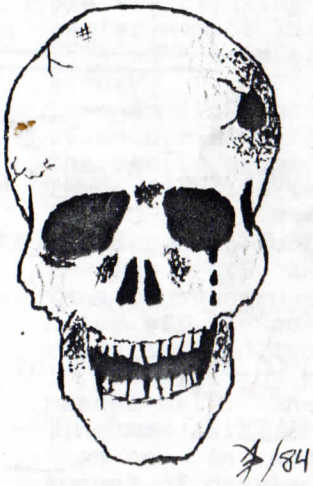

Featuring Articles On Ireland, Black Dove, El Salvador, etc...

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Greetings again and welcome to Reality Now number 2 I thought this issue would never come. From last issue to this issue I've moved three times and saw the Black Dove Affinity group born, live, fuck up, and die, so this is no longer a Black Dove publication. At the rate Reality Now has been going it looks like it could be a yearly thing, but I'm hopeing not. There are still a few of R.N. 1 left they go for twenty five cents plus postage. Once again write to us if you have any comments, critizm, money etc... Everyone is welcome to send in articles. The magazine is no longer Ottawa based but Hamilton based.

Thanx to everyone who helped out with number 2, if you would like to work on Reality now then just write to the address below.

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El Salvador

After a long time doing a basic study on El Salvador I've come to realize that the information on the killings, military involvement, corporations & foreign aid is vertually endless. I hope this study is of some use to people who don't know some of the facts about El Salvador. I am personally in support of the FMLN or Farabundo Marti Front for National Liberation even thou they are not an anti-statist group, they are still a far better alternative for El Salvador than the facist chaos they have now.

The facts prove it.

The malnutrition rate in El Salvador runs 74% amongst children under the age of 5, and ½ of the infants die before their first birthday from this or other related ailments.

In situations like the one here it's always the children and the young who are the most effected, in a country where there are fewer than 3 docters for every 10 000 inhabitants this is not suprising. In this country where death and war is a part of their daily life in their fight against U.S. imperialism their education is minimal, illiteracy runs 40% in the citys and 60% in the country. The average yearly income is $450 (1979) but even this is misleading because a small number live in the lap of luxury while the vast majority live in extreme poverty, less than 2% of the people receive 50% of the income.

Since 1932 the military government, (that is run by the tiny land owning elite known as the 14 families) has been running (exploiting) the country of El Salvador with terror, hate, and war.

But all this couldn't have lasted if it wasn't for their foreign bankers. The U.S. has vital interest in El Salvador because their corporations like Exxon International Basic coffee co., Westinghouse Electic, Alcoa, Texaco, U.S. Steel, First National Bank and Bank of America (to name but a few) rake huge profits off the sweat and blood of the Salvadorean people.

In order to keep the people in line who won't **except this shit**, Washington provides arms & ammunition directlt from the Pentagon and indirectly through "private" arms sales, and via Israel. But not only this, they even go as far as to train the facist junta police and soldiers, place U.S. military advisers on the scene, & there has also been persistant reports of U.S. forces taking direct part in the fighting. The U.S. is very serious about not losing this country like they lost Nicarugua in 1979. The myth the media says up here is that they are fighting against some sort of "communist threat", when in actual fact they are fighting against people (like you and me). They would like you to believe that in a country that has an illiteracy rate of 40% in the city and 60% in the country that the people have the communist manifesto, Marx, Engels, or Mao books in their back pockets. It is clear these people are fighting for a better way of life, a life with less oppresion.

In 1932 the fear of an uprising from the people caused violence from the facists, 30 000 people were massacred to keep them in line. U.S. and Canadian destroyers stood off the coast ready to land troops if the military regime needed help. The killing was daily from then on. An accurate amount of people killed in El Salvador since then would fill phone books.

Even at demonstrations in El Salvador they don't fuck around. In 1975 at a demonstration against government expenditure of 3.5 million on a Miss Universe Beauty Pagent lead to 26 students being murdered by the police.

:a Study

In Canada when we go to a demonstration we do not have to deal with this, or even think about this, but I think we should start to think about this, because if the time comes (and it probably will) what are we going to do? The possiblity of this happening gets stronger everyday as they impose more and more laws to keep us in line. Everything we have in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, seems to be meaningless since they have laws to take these all away.

In El Salvador on February 1977 Romero took power. On Feb.28 at a massive demonstration the police and national guard fired on demonstrators, during the following days hundreds of people were killed. Violence and killings happen all the time, and even on March 30, 1980 at the funeral of Archbishop Oscar Romero, U.S. advisors took part in an army attack on the mourners, 60 to 100 were killed with 500 wounded.

During the first 5 months of 1980, 5000 Salvadoreans were killed. Acts of murder like this are often misleading because many of the people murdered are never known about or never reported.

In 1979 over 31 000 people were killed in political violence with even greater numbers starving in concentration camps.
The murders continue.

The military equipment and training in El Salvador is enormus, and shocking. The American Freinds Service Committee obtained copiesof the military aid package to El Salvador, which was under the freedom of information act. This list of eqipment included:

-7500 CS tear gas grenades
-250 "Manpack" field combat radios
-thousands of batteries and an unspecified number of tear gas and grenade launchers. In January 1980 the commerce department okayed the export of $8000 worth of "non military" shotguns and spare parts. I guess maybe these were for target practising, eh? In recent years our facist freinds from Israel supplied more than 80% of the weapons purchased by El Salvador. This included:

- Oruragen fighter-bombers
- Arava transport planes
- large quantities of Uzi submarine guns & Galil assault rifles.

"U.S. equipment", Castillo told the Belgian socialist weekly, La Gauch, "composed of armoured cars and counterinsurgency helicopters, among other things arrive in the country under the disguise of communications equipment. American troops have also begun to be directly involved in the fighting. In fact 36 American military advisors are stationed at three anti-guerrilla bases in El Salvador".

The facts prove direct involvement in the war in El Salvador, during the period 1950 to 1976 the U.S. trained 1975 Salvadorean officers. In the period 1970 to 75, training of foreign military personal at the U.S. Army School of the Panama canal zone, included 298 Salvadoreans, 108 of whom were trained for counterinsurgency.

In 1975, the U.S. instituted a public safety program under the auspicies of the Agency for International Development (AID), which undertook "...to develop the managerial and operational skills and effectiveness of (Salvadorean) civil police forces." This "effectivness" has caused in practise the murder & disappearence of thousands of Salvadoreans in the 70's and 80's. Between 1957 & 1974 (the programs termination), the Office of Public Safety spent $2.1 million to train 448 Salvadorean police and provide arms, communication equipment,

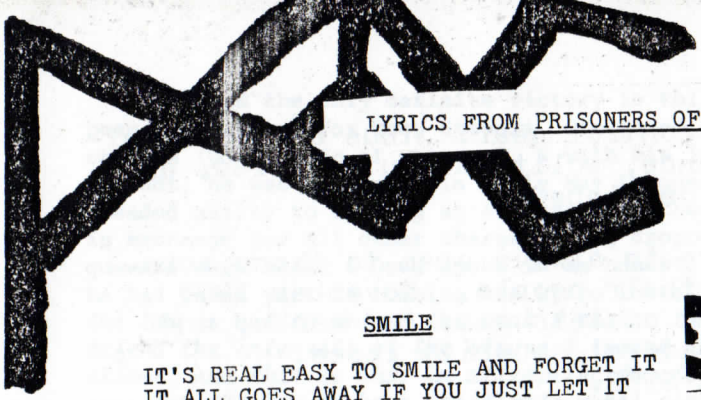
transit vehicles, and riot control gear. Thus a closer relationship between U.S. defence, political authorities, and the Salvadorean police has developed.

The U.S. military store is always open to those countries who want to"control" their people. November 1979 the U.S. sold $206 000 worth of tear gas, gas masks, and protective vests to El Salvadors' security force.

This military aid must STOP.

We the people of north America can help the people of El Salvador, and other oppressed third world nations by rejecting these bloodmoney thirsty corporations, by not using their products (coffee, coke, etc...) and by not being wheels in their machines of greed and oppression. Our products and money are drenched in the blood of Salvadoreans, and other third world people. This shit has got to stop, we have to stop this greed that is killing ourselves and our mother earth, or we will pay the consequences which will unevitably be the annihilation of life on our planet. This destruction can be stopped if we dedicate ourselves to stopping it in the ways we see fit. Groups like the Van 5, or the United Freedom front use actions against property , and should be supported in their actions. Groups like these should be discussed and investigated first before they are easily condemned from false media coverage. By annalyzing the mistakes these groups may have done we can learn not to do the same mistake twice.

Next issue, part 2 of my study on El Salvador. This will include Foreign Financial Aid, The Lies, Lists of corporations, and information on the FMLN.



LYRICS FROM PRISONERS OF CONSCIOUS (P.O.C.)

SMILE

IT'S REAL EASY TO SMILE AND FORGET IT
IT ALL GOES AWAY IF YOU JUST LET IT
CLOSE YOUR MIND AND CLOSE YOUR EYES
DOES BLIND IGNORANCE BRING TRUTH TO
THEIR LIES??

JUST SMILE AND HAVE A NICE DAY
SMILE LIFE'S EASY THAT WAY

YOUR WATCHING WORLD NEWS ON THE T.V.
SEEING CHILDREN STARVING AND SAY
WHO CARES ITS NOT ME
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF IT WAS YOU
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PRAY IT DOESN'T
COME TRUE.....

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But what the hell
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Cruise missiles fly
over our country
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taken from you and I
But what happens if
the warbirds begin
to fly
I wasn't ever really
in the mood to die.

Our lives are in the
hands of a micro-chip
Condition red with a
radar blip

P.O.C.

WITHIN THIS PLANET WE CALL EARTH
WE LIVE OUR LIFE FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

PAIN AND SUFFERING CREATE THE WALLS
TWISTED FEARS AND MORALS HAVE MADE
THEM TALL

CAN THE POWER OF PEACE DESTROY THE WALLS
WILL THE STRENGTH OF OUR CAUSE MAKE
THEM FALL?

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WHAT IS A BOSS??

When the body was first created, there was contention among the component parts as to who was going to be the boss.

The brain said:"Since I am the nerve center that controls everything and does all of the thinking, I should be the boss."

The hands said:"Since I must do all the manual labor and earn all the money to keep the rest of you going, I should be the boss."

The eyes said:"Since I must look out for all of you and let you know when danger lurks, I should be the boss."

And so it went with the heart, the lungs, and various other component parts of the body, till there was no one left but the anus. All the others laughed when he made his bid for bosshood, for who ever heard of an anus being boss of anything? This rebuff upset the anus so much that in a pique of anger he closed himself off completely and refused to function any further.

Soon the brain was feverish; the eyes crossed and ached; the feet were too weak to carry the load; the hands hung limply at the sides; and the heart, the lungs, and all the rest of the component parts struggled to keep going. They all capitulated to the anus, and finally he became the boss.

While they did all the work, the anus just basked and let out a lot of hot air, along with other material that is the anus's funtion to let out.

The moral of this little episode is that it takes no special talent to be a boss - so why have one if everyone knows how to work together in harmony?

THINK ABOUT IT

Written by X 325505

From I.W.W. Songbook

Black Dove Dead

When I returned to the Affinity Group on June first the whole thing had collapsed with no hope of rising. Everything that could have gone wrong,did. I had numerous things ripped off, the house was an absolute mess and on top of this the affinity was nile. I had found out also that when you're not around to defend yourself (or your personal property) you get taken. When I came back I had lost friends just from stupid one sided talk.

This kind of thing makes me sick, but I guess if they except one sided shit then I'm better off without them.

If there was a lesson to be learnt from the BLACK DOVE AFFINITY GROUP then it must be that we (as people trying to do something different in a screwed up society) must build AFFINITY so that nothing (and I mean NOTHING) can break it. COMMUNICATION (this is a big one) stupid gossip is just an abuse, but just the lack of communication when disscussing problems etc... is a problem that we have to break in order to get things done. DEDICATION; I think most of this was not a matter of dedication but of deciding what is more important, and organizing time better to do it.

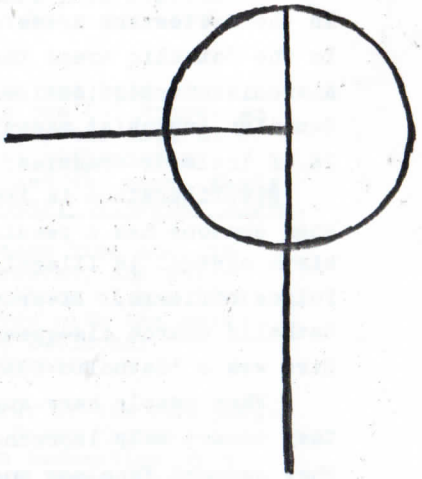
When we first started I felt close affinity with everyone in the group but by the end my feelings went from one extreme to another. As a final sour note an ex-member of the affinity group is charging myself out of deep hatred or remorse (I'm not sure) but anyways she charged me after I left Ottawa (again your backs turned and you get taken) and once again I didn't do what she is accusing me of doing, and I seriously think she should get some sort of mental help. For being a so called Anarchist?, or being in a so called Anarchist group? wouldn't you think this charge is HYPOCRITICAL ACTION?, and jeprody to myself as of I could be looking at jail if successfully charged? Well I guess hatred (or love I'm still not sure) has no bounds.

I'VE SEEN THE STOCK MARKETS CRASH
I'VE SEEN NUNS IN DENIMS AND T's
I'VE SEEN FIXTURES OF LIGHT COME DOWN TIME
BUT I'VE SEEN MY HEAD
I'M GLAD I'M BORN
I SURE IS'NT DEAD
KETTLE BOILS BUBBLE ME BLOOD
SKIN NEEDS PEELING
BADLY MY PALMS FEET
I'VE BEEN A FRUIT MANY A TIME
I TINGLE BEYOND SKIN DEEP
I'VE BEEN SPLIT TO FIND THE SEEDS
BUT THOSE ARE MINE I KEEP
FOR NO MAN TO PLAN IN GROUNDS
THAN ONE CAN EASILY REST FOOT
I'VE SEEN FATAL SICKNESS
I'VE SEEN MEADOW MIDNIGHT CRIES
THEY SINK INTO MY BOTTOMLESSNESS
THEY WILL NEVER SUBMERGE AGAIN
LOST IN THE TIDES WASH MY SHORES
I'VE SEEN THE BUILDINGS THAT GERMINATE
AT THE HANDS OF UNDER PAID EMPLOYEES
BREATHING GRAY WIGS OF VOLCANO GASP
I'VE SEEN SO MUCH I'VE BEEN NOWHERE
I'VE BEEN SITTING CALM
MY HOME IS WHERE I GO.

DAV

BOOK SAYS EARTH PERSON HAVE FACE,
BOOK SAYS EARTH PERSON CAN SPEAK,
PLUNGING LIMB INTO DEEP DARK HOLE,
NAKED EYES, SEE NO BOTTOM,
POCKET CHANNELS OF MANY VEIN,
I'M SPILLING ME AND YOU NOT LISTENING,
I'VE SPOKE BEFORE, BLIND CONGREGATION
WE IN LINE, WE STEP IN TIME,
BROKEN TWIGS FROM YESTERS PROCESSION
ANXIONSNESS A LUMP OF HEART
ANOTHER VISIT TO EXCITE MY EMOTIONS,
STIMULUS I'M QUAKING
CLAWS GRIP ON ROCKS AND STONES
LONG NAILED DOUBLE JOINT CROOKED
I'M SPILLING AND YOU NOT LISTENING
I'M CRYING LISTEN TO MY PLEA
PLEASE.

HONEST INJUN



Northern Ireland

No one can accurately describe the situation in Northern Ireland, not even someone from Northern Ireland. The two communities are deliberatly alienated from each other, divide and rule, this is not done by the British army, but the Parimilataries, the IRA andINLA on the Catholic side, and the UDA and UVF on the Protestants side. There is no difference between the Catholic and Protestant Parimilataries, and they play for the same stakes, domination of the ghettos the have created and the people in them. The Parimilataries are not the Freedom fighters they claim to be. If the IRA are Socialist Freedom fighters, then so are the Klu Klux Klan. The idea of a black joining the KKK is a joke. The idea of a Socialist who happens to have been born a protestant joining the IRA is an even bigger one. The same goes for the rest of the organizations. If in Ireland you are an Athiest, in the eyes of the parimilitaries you are a Prod athiest or an RC athiest. There is a story of a Jew being stopped by a gang of hoods " What are you?" they asked, "A Jew" he replied. "Aye, but a Prod Jew or a Fenian Jew" they said.

If the British left Ireland, the results would be: In the Protestant areas the UDA and UVF would be the dictators. In the Catholic areas the Provisional IRA, over ruled by the Anarchists' traditional enemy, the Catholic church. In a Canadian Anarchist magazine I read of the Irish people liberating 26 of Irelands counties.

If liberation is freedom and freedom is rule by the church then someone has a peculiar idea of freedom. In the Irish Republic birth control is illegal. Women can be strip searched by male Police officers. Divorce is illegal, in fact anything the Catholic church disagrees with is illegal. De Valera said Eire was a 'Catholic STATE' just as Franco did.

When people here support the Parimilitaries in Ireland they do not help leprechauns, they do not even help guerrillas. They support faceless murderers who shoot minor officials on doorsteps infront of their children. They murder innocent children and women with bombs in public places. The Parimilitaries in Ireland have more in common with Al Capone

It is known that not only do they have contacts with such people as the RAF, they have connections with the Mafia. If countries such as the USA, UK and Germany were guilty of bombing innocent civilians in places such as Dresden and London then the IRA and UVF are also guilty because they plant it by hand and don't drop it from a plane. But that does not lessen the result. The death of ordinary people.

When Bobby Sands died in the MAZE "long kesh" Thatcher was held responsible. This was true, but the IRA Hirarchy was also guilty. If he had come off his hungerstrike his family would have been persecuted by his so called "comrades" The men who plant the bombs are just pawns in a very big game, as are the British soldiers and the people who do their best to live a normal life. At night the deaths are read out like football scores. A child is killed by a plastic bullet, throwing stones at soldiers. The child was encouraged by his elders, the Sinn Fein. The Brit propaganda machine profit when the TV records a soldier being burnt alive by a petrol bomb and the crowd howls in delight "propaganda". These people are pawns. There are no "good guys" no "bad guys" just pawns. The reality is not a heroic struggle. It is one of pain, terror, death. Children dying, soldiers not much more than children dying. Brains on the pavement, fear, blood running along with rain water in a Belfast gutter. All wars are evil, a war fought in a modern city by means of terrorism is evilist of all.

Ⓐ NON
FROM IRELAND

Milk

If you are not a vagen then read this and decide for yourself, if you are a vagen then it gives you more reasons to be one. I'm not try ing to ram it down anyones throat, I'm just putting some information I feel is important.

MILK

The only 3 milk products I suggest are 1. Soya 2. Seed & nut milks (including coconut milk) and of course mothers breast milk (for nursing only). Milk is a national menace and its drinkers are always full of mucous, coughs, headaches, colds and flu. Remember that pasteurization is for the purpose of keeping BAD MILK in a stable condition AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE.

Pasteurized milk products lack the necessary enzymes, vitamins & minerals needed to maintain good health. It's known to any farmer that if you feed pasteurized milk to a baby calf, it'll die in 6 weeks of malnutrition. Now ponder over this one if you will. Mothers' breast milk is high in phosphorous (a brain food) and cows milk is high in calcium (for bone structure).

The human baby develops its' brain first while the cow develops its' bone structure first.

So you see it's absurd to feed on cows' milk especially for an infant.

Also very important is that cows' milk is 300 times as potent in casein (which furnishes a number of amino acids for supplying the protein molecules to build bone structure that will carry the bodys' weight) as mothers' milk - A human develops twice its weight in 7 months while a cow develops twice its' weight in 7 weeks - THUS mothers' milk for babies & cows' milk for cows - AGREED ??

FACTS

Milk 1. causes ARTERIOSCLEROSIS (hardening of the arteries)- Don't forget "A man is as old as his arteries".

2. increases blood cholesterol

3. produces pyorrhea

4. causes obesity

5. coats the stomach - BAD DIGESTION

6. causes abnormal calcium deposits

7. causes all kinds of allergies and is not fit for human infants.

Milk after weaning is ABNORMAL and it seems that man is the only creature on the face of the earth who continues to drink milk after he's been weaned.

FLESH

Flesh is the DEAD carcasses of animals, birds & fish. If you eat living foods like - seeds, nuts & grains, they are alive with an abundant supply of nutrients and energy.

Dead foods are DEAD.

Flesh eating animals have a short bowel to enable them to expel rapidly the putrefactive flesh, while man has a long & complicated alimentary tract to enable plant nutrients to be slowly and properly taken up.

Flesh eaters have a different type of intestinal bacteria from the non-flesh eaters.

We fall into the second category.

Flesh

Flesh eaters have long sharp teeth. We have the teeth of the grain eaters. (Fruits, grains, vegetables, nut & seeds.) People can grind with thier jaws, flesh eaters cannot.

Their jaws move up & down only. Man, the horse, cow, antelope and the monkey family all sweat through their skins. All flesh eaters sweat through their tongues. Man sucks his liquid and flesh eaters lap. Human saliva contains ptyalin (to commence starch digestion) flesh eating animals have no ptyalin. Flesh eaters have large livers but humans have only a comparatively small one. Flesh eaters secrete into thier stomachs 10 times the hydrochloric acid as do non-flesh eaters who do not have to cope with quanities of meat, bone, feathers, sinews, etc...

The flesh eater takes norishment from parts of whole beast not just mascle meat as man does. People seldom eat raw meat. People have to cook it so as to disguise it from the corpse it really is.

Meat eating is also wasteful in that slaughtered cattle live first upon a vegetable diet (grass etc.) and their flesh is only grass second hand. Although the whole of their bodies is not consumed, they have still to be fed and built up upon land which might otherwise be growing food for starving humans.

This writings with some editing were written by Wayne Pickering

(milk & flesh con't)

Below is a vegen recipe for macaroni and mushroom loaf, (it's a great substitute for you crap dinner junkies) its very good for you and its super cheap as well. Thats one good thing about vagen eating is it's cheap and I mean real cheap. So even if your not a vagen this is a recipe for a good healty dinner.
I estimate that this meal costs around $3.00 to $4.00 (but it's most likely that you may have this things already) try it out someday you may really like it.

MACARONI AND MUSHROOM LOAF

½lb (¼ kilo) wholemeal macaroni
2oz (50g) polyunsaturated margarine
1 onion
2 large tomatoes
6oz (200g) mushrooms
2 tablespoonsful gram flour (I used whole wheat)
4 tablespoonsful water
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Wholemeal breadcrumbs as required.

1. Cook the macaroni until tender and leave to drain.
2. Chop the onions finely, peel and slice the tomatoes and chop the mushrooms.
3. Heat the margarine and sauté the vegetables until tender.
4. Combine the macaroni and vegatables.
5. Add the water to the gram flour and mix well. Add this to the macaroni mixture and mix well.
6. Add enough breadcrumbs to make a sticky consistency and season to taste.
7. Put into a greased loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven at 350 F/180 C (Gas mark 4) for 30-40 minutes.

If you have any difficulty finding any of these ingredients then I suggest you look in a health food store, most of them should have it.

Trials and Prisoners

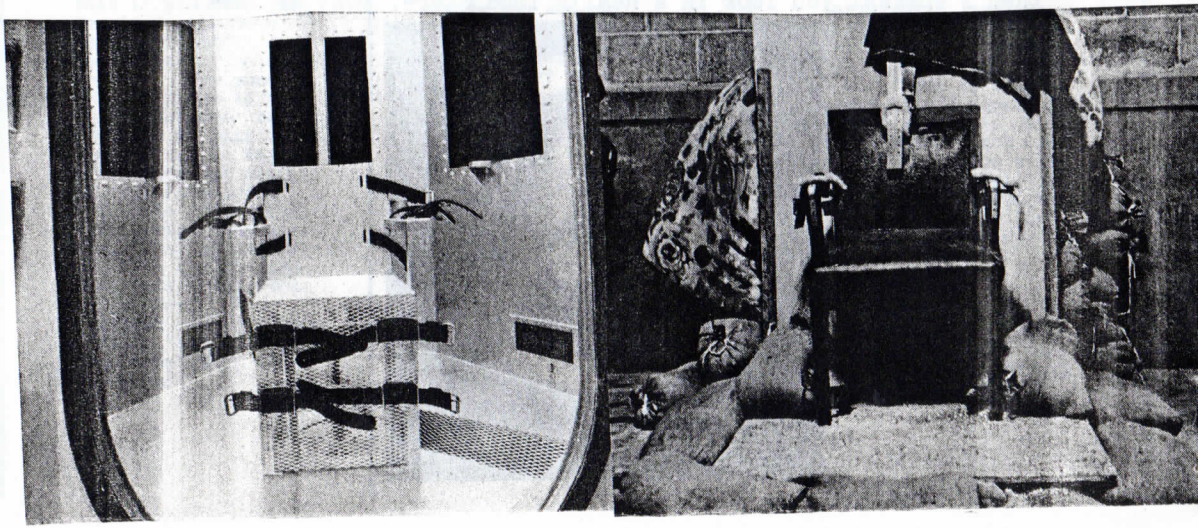
This section is going to be in Reality Now from this issue on. It's going to hopefully keep people up to date on charges, trails, harrassment, etc... For this to work we need the facts on the situation as they're happening, and as quickly and reliable as possible.

In this section we have printed the Vancouver 5 defence letter, Ken Deyarmonds' Thacher trial, and Abie Weisfelds' statement of responce to his conviction.

The trial of Sean M. for the demonsration one week after the cruise missle testing, where he jumped on the police car carrying Abie W. resulted in 15 days in jail or a $150 fine. Added to this was one year probation in which the conditions are that he's not allowed to come within 500 feet of an embassey or the parliment buildings, and also he's not allowed to attend demonstrations.

After the charge was read Sean said to the judge and the court "Police and the judical system are servants of capital interests, and I feel my task is to destroy both". The judge replyed that he'd grow out of it.

Abie Weisfeilds' trial for the same demonstration was on July 30, and I'm still not sure of the actual facts, what I have heard is that he's in jail for a month and that he was recently put in confinment. Charges are probably simalar to Seans'.



Greetings,

We are appealing for funds to help with the legal costs in defense of Ken Deyarmond.

On September 27th, 1983 during a demonstration protesting the visit of British Prime Minister M. Thatcher, and her reactionary policies, Ken was pushed from behind towards Ms. Thatcher. At this point, he was tackled by a police officer and thrown to the sidewalk, had handcuffs placed on him and was arrested. Later he was charged with the following:

1) Threaten Assault against an "Internationally Protected Person", Ms. Thatcher,
2) Assault police,
3) Assault police,
4) Assault police,
5) Possession of Marijuana

He was released the following day on $1,000 bail and was given the bail condition of reporting to the cops twice a week.

With respect to the "threaten assault" charge, the lawmakers enacted a special clause in 1973 providing special protection for foreign dignitaries like Margaret Thatcher. Ken is the first person in canada to be charged under this special clause.

In January of this year, he was convicted on the pot charge and was sentenced to a probation term of one year. This despite the fact that Ken does not smoke pot and did not have any at the demonstration.

On January 25th, 1984, a Preliminary Hearing was held in respect to the three (3) assault charges and the one (1) "threaten assault" charge. The fabricated "evidence" given by the cops at Ken's hearing ranged from simply contradictory to inflammatory and obvious lies. The judge chose to ignore it just the same. Ken's trial date on these charges has been set for Monday, September 25/84.

Ken has been politically active for quite some time now, in relation to environmental, womens issues, anti-racist, and anti-imperialist politics. He has spent the better portion of his adult life in prison and having done so, became involved with the anti-prison struggle. He is presently a member of the Bulldozer Collective (a magazine by and for political prisoners).

Ken has been active as a friend and supporter of the Vancouver Five. (Ann Hansen, Brent Taylor, Doug Stewart, Gerry Hannah, and Julie Belmas were arrested January 20th, 1983 in connection with various guarilla actions including the bombing of Litton Systems here in Toronto. Litton produces the guidance system for the U.S. Cruise Missile(air-launched version).

As well he has been active in mobilizing opposition to the creation of a canadian civilian spy agency, whose mandate will include:

total access to "confidential files"(ie, medical, tax, etc.), unlimited powers to conduct surveillance and gather information on anyone or any group they deem to be a "threat" or "potential threat" to the security of Canada.

Ken has this to say about the situation:

"With respect to the charge against me (threaten assault against Ms. Thatcher), that is totally false and a lie by the cops involved. In my opinion, the reason for these trumped-up charges is due to my active and complete support for the Vancouver 5. It also stems from my mobilizing opposition to the new security spy agency. Furthermore, the charges are an attempt to intimidate people from developing more militant politics against racism, sexism, and imperialism."

We urgently request any form of support which you are able to give. This includes letters denouncing this frame-up and also Financial Donations to help cover the legal costs.

Protect The Earth

Ken Deyarmond Defense Committee
P.O. Box 6326, Station 'A',
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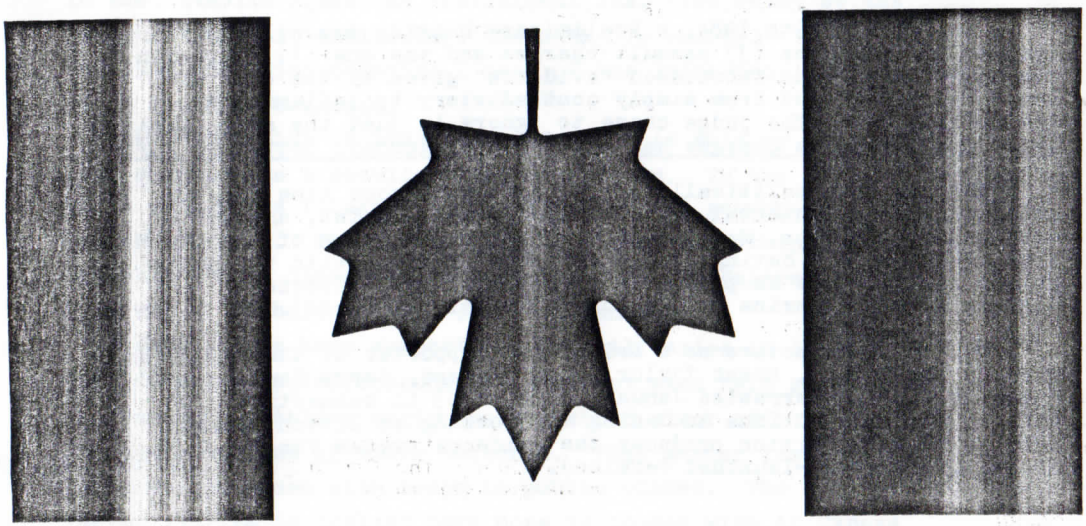
Ken Deyarmonds' trial will be at 361 Univercity.



Statement of Response to the
Conviction of Abie Weisfeld on the charge
of Welfare Fraud

The Crown Prosecutor presented the charge that the Focus Books and Art shop was contributing unreported income to the accused, Abie Weisfeld while he was receiving social assistance/ welfare ("by deception or other fraudulent means did receive material benifit from operating a business while receiving social assistance"). The defendent was convicted for having initiated this socialist-anarchist publications shop and not having told the social service agency so that they could have investigated in order to determine if this municipal government agency would provide social assistance, a process that could be as long as the generally 4 months it takes to be granted an appeal hearing.
Abie Weisfeld was convicted of supposedly supplementing the store's rent by paying the rent himself and so of not having recieved rent/material benefit from it even though the charge in the incident claimed he had recieved income from the shop -- as a result the conviction contradicted the charge.

Private profit-seeking enterprises are considered official, conceivable, permittable and ultimately legal. This conviction sets a prejudice into practise against non-profit organizations, which include other co-operatives and collective forms of self-organization like unions, by defining non-profit enterprises as business and business as profit-seeking.

There was no reasonable means to consider Focus Books and Art a profit-makingbusiness except by the assumption or prejudice of the ideological attitude that any business should be profitable, or should want to be,and so the welfare office decided that Focus shopshould have been investigated, in violation of the freedom of association.

However the Charter of Rights and freedoms guarantees all citizens the freedom to cummunicate and associate -- the welfare office does not. It does not have the authority to investigate a non-profit bookshop and so claimed to believe that it was a profit-making business which various witnesses testified they did not believe it was, including the welfare worker Mrs. Potter.

Presently, sentencing will take place July 18th/84 at the Univercity Ave. Court House just north of Queen. An appeal to the Ontario Supreme Court is being initiated. The sentencing may result in prison time.

For further information & updates, call:

Harry Kopyto, (416) 361-1404
or Abie Weisfeld, (613) 230-9868

of the "Focus Books and Art"
Defence Committee

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Further Update:

Sentence on July 18 became 2yrs probation, $703.65 restitution, and a suspended sentence even though the Crown prosecutor asked for a 5 month jail term.

Conviction and sentence will be appealed.

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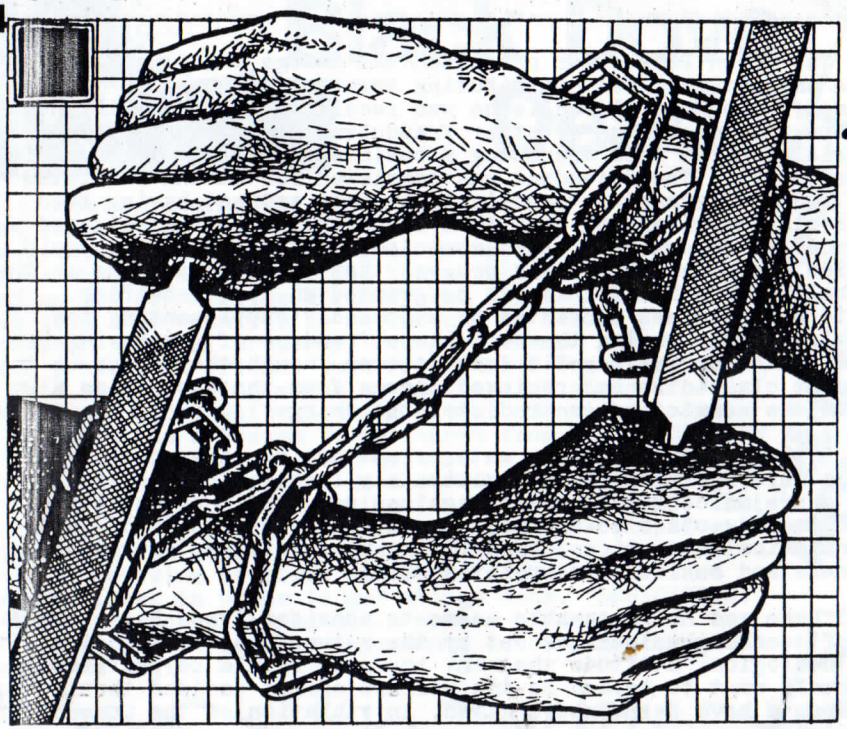


bombings were resistance politics transformed into action

"The politics of Direct Action saw the interconnections of militarism, sexism, environmental destruction & imperialism...Because there was no legal way to stop these crimes against humanity & the earth, I felt I had to use illegal actions to do so."

Ann Hansen entered her guilty plea Monday June 4 to the remaining charges she faced - arson of North Vancouver Red Hot Video, B.C. Hydro bombing, Litton bombing, possession of explosives, & possession of weapons. She had been previously convicted, after a lengthy trial, of conspiracy to rob a Brink's guard, possession of stolen property, & car theft. On June 7, Judge S.M. Toy, saying "terrorism cannot be justified", imposed a life sentence!!!All the authorities involved seemed satisfied that they had got their political & personal revenge by punishing her with a maximum sentence - payment to Ann who "was a menace, a real threat to our Canadian way of life", as the judge repeated again upon sentencing Brent Taylor & Doug Stewart. As Ann predicted, "the severity of the prison sentence imposed is in direct proportion to the perceived level of discontent in this society".

Several witnesses were called by the defense to give voice to the struggles against pornography, militarism, & environmental destruction. Carl Rising-Moore, of Cheekye-Dunsmuir Alliance, gave a history of the fight to stop the power lines crossing the islands to supply power to the Hydro substation,which became the first target of Direct Action. Lengthy legal protest had failed to stop or even delay construction of that project. Pam Blackstone, from Women Against Pornography, spoke of the community protest, & ensuing trial, against Red Hot Video. Challenging the attitudes expressed in porn toward women, & eliminating from existence violent, hardcore, snuff-quality porn is only going to happen by the actions of women themselves. A member of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, Ken Hancock, stunned the courtroom with details & statistics of the crimes that Litton Industries is complicit in. And, in conclusion, he personally demanded of the judge that he consider the present time to be no different than fascist Germany & that the action at the Litton plant was comparable to blowing up the railroad track along which the Nazi trains transported people to death at Auschwitz. Nilak Butler, American Indian Movement, spoke of the time working & living with Ann, & teaching others of the most crucial need now to live with respect for the traditional, spiritual ways & to protect the earth from the destruction perpetrated by the greedy & powerful. A long-time friend, Ed Progar, gave a realistic & humane perspective on Ann's contribution to this world. "Ann is not the enemy. If the court is looking for enemies, they are human misery, poverty & wars."

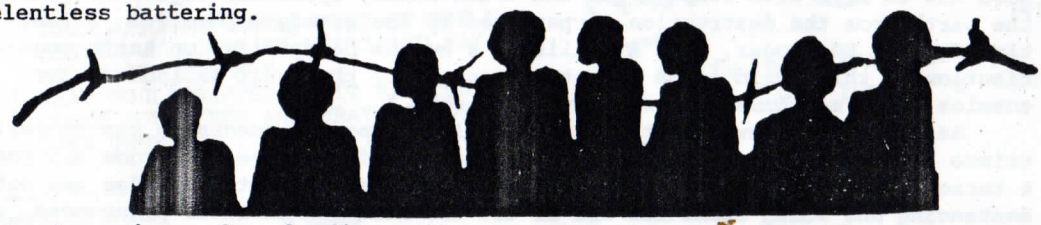
As the judge spewed forth his typically venomous comments on the so-called crimes she was charged with, the supporters jammed into the courtroom all rose & turned their backs on the proceedings as a statement that the judge was not sentencing one woman alone but all of us. The life sentence was pronounced, as expected, & the anger was immense. A life sentence has its parole eligibility set at 7 years from the time of arrest, & the added condition of being on parole for the entire duration of your living years. Although Ann will be eligible for parole in 5½ years from now, it is realistic to assume that none of them will receive any breaks. As has been seen clearly already, they are all bearing the full weight of the State's hatred of radical activists.

court battles over

The sentencing of Ann Hansen brought a precipitous change in the strategy of Doug Stewart & Brent Taylor. On Friday June 8, one day after the decision on Ann, Doug & Brent entered guilty pleas on several charges. The reasoning behind this was that the sentences being meted out were both as light & as heavy as they would ever be, & the sooner sentenced...the sooner released.And the time was now for all of them to make public statements regarding the politics of the urban guerilla.

Perhaps the only definite victory in this entire set of legal battles has been the outcome for Doug Stewart. Convicted on only one of the first set of charges (possession of weapons), & with his 16 months dead time taken into account, he was sentenced in early May to one day in jail. On June 8, Doug pleaded guilty to causing an explosion at the Dunsmuir substation of B.C.Hydro, in exchange for all other charges being dropped. On June 22, sentencing arguments were heard & Doug spoke in an honest, down to earth manner about why he had taken part in bombing the Hydro installation. *"The true function of the law is not to defend the weak & ensure the furtherance of justice, but to defend the interests of the strong & ensure the continuance of their degradations. And that is why, in attempting to stop Cheekye-Dunsmuir, I did not consider the law to be a legitimate moral constraint. I act in defense of the earth."*

The judge handed down a sentence of 6 years, a lenient one definitely but likely only a concession to the environmental issues involved. Any charge that the judge could classify as "merely criminal" was meted out the heaviest sentence. Regardless of the reasons, it is felt to be a true break in a line of relentless battering.



In exchange for pleading guilty to possession of explosives & two counts of possession of weapons, Brent Taylor had several other charges dropped, notably the Hydro bombing & Red Hot Video arson. He still faces charges in connection with the bombing of Litton Industries in Toronto & will return there soon to face trial. The sentencing hearing on June 25 dealt with these three charges as well as the seven convictions he received from the previous trial-conspiracy to rob a Brink's guard, possession of stolen property,car theft,B&E.

Brent spoke powerfully about his life.
"I have learned a lot about the real character of the system we live under & why it is the way it is...I was involved in illegal political work because there is a real need for direct action now against the most critical threats confronting people & the environment...Finally, I want to say I am a human being - not some stereotype. Like all of us, I am imperfect. But I am not an evil person, I am a moral person. I deeply care about this world & the people living in it. To me, the struggle for freedom & liberation & to protect the earth is more important than anything else."

The following day, the judge stunned everyone by handing down the harshest sentence yet. Responding to the prosecution's demand that "the public be protected from Taylor", Judge Toy assigned similar sentences to each charge as he did with the previous accused, yet he made each sentence consecutive, bringing a total of 22 years!! Considering that the Brink's conspiracy charge was the only major one, it is an irrationally severe & vengeful sentence. It may be a while yet before any clear picture of Brent's final sentence can be formed, after the Litton trial.

where to from here...

Each one of the five locked-down sisters & brothers have asked that it be expressed their recognition & deep appreciation of all the people who have been there for them, both locally & internationally, & both for those who have been active in their support work & those who have felt it within their hearts. Every individual & group that wrote a letter, sent a donation, organized a benefit or workshop, rapped with family & friends, took the time to think about how the lives & acts of these 5 people affect their own lives & actions, made all the difference in the world as to whether the lack of freedom now being endured by Ann, Julie, Doug, Brent & Gerry was worth it. Together we are stronger.

Although it is not really over yet, it does feel that the bulk of struggle-time on this one particular front is behind us (with the exception of the Litton trial for Brent). The courtroom battles are basically through, sentences have been received, the story has largely been told & people are being transferred to serve their time in the federal institutions. For Doug & Gerry, it may only be a few years before they will be released back into the "minimum-security world". Ann, Julie, & Brent know the reality that it will be many long & hard years before they see the streets again but it is to that future that all hopes & efforts will be directed. The urgency of communicating what is happening with this case will slow down but, even when it becomes quiet,we all hope it does not become mere history. The institutions & attitudes that Direct Action & Wimmin's Fire Brigade attacked still exist. Feminist & ecological issues are still alive. And the politics of militant resistance & ecotage need to be understood & developed further.

to contribute support

*"WRITINGS OF THE FIVE" A 40 page pamphlet including political analysis, poetry, & drawings by the five. To order it, send $1.00 to the Free the Five Defense Group (address below).

*FUTURE PUBLICATION Within the next year, a pamphlet will be published explaining the formation of Direct Action; the politics of guerilla resistance; the reason for the targets chosen; lessons learned about surveillance & being underground; & an analysis of courtroom strategy.

*WRITE LETTERS:
Julie Belmas, Prison for Women, P.O. Box 515, Kingston, Ontario
Gerry Hannah, Matsqui Prison, P.O. Box 4000, Abbotsford, B.C.
Ann Hansen has not been transfered yet, but can be written at the above Prison for Women address after mid-July. Doug Stewart & Brent Taylor should be written care of the defense group address for now.

*FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS & COMMUNICATION should be sent to:
Free the Vancouver Five Defense Group
P.O. Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1
Money is still urgently needed to finance Brent Taylor's defense on the Litton bombing charges, & also for the myriad upcoming appeals & eventual parole hearings.

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The Politics of Anger

For the past 8 months I have been involved in the making of a student underground paper,"The Catalyst". We only managed to put out 3 issues in that time, but each issue had a noticed effect on the students at Glebe Collegiate, our school.

One thing became quite apparent in my time there. In the first issue we published a letter from a friend of mine basically telling my vice principal to fuck off. This was in responce to a confrontation that had occured earlier between the two. We printed the letter, overjoyed at the sheer rebelliousness of it, like a raised finger at the authorities. We did not expect the responce we got. A large number of students rushed to the defence of the man, and attacked us for our lack of morality. We were not moved, however, and in our second issue, under the striking headline "FUCK YOU?", we published an angry letter sent to us and a story on the recent events. This enraged people even more, and we were not only banned by the administration, but recieved abuse from students as well. This letter had obviously become an issue in itself.

I didn't really understand the whole thing until recently. While I enjoyed the original letter, I could not understand why so many students were willing to defend the very authorities that so often treat them like shit. I had to analyze my own feelings to see the problem.

All year, the constant abuse of youth in schools had built up alot of anger in me. My involvement in the struggle for our rights had brought on a string of abuse from the people who ran our school. They singled me out as a troublemaker, as a threat to their petty dictatorship, and, after using our insult to them as a tool to kill the support of the other students, attacked me. This was much like the $tate tactics used against activists all around the world. Anyway my gut reaction to all this was a growing anger within me. I still feel that anger. This anger was further fuelled by my involvmentin other issues of reports of injustice all around. So when my friend wrote a letter to my V.P., the roving policeman for the schoolboard, saying,"fuck you", I loved it. That letter said exactly what I felt. And it was pure defiance.

I now realize that insults to authority like that are fully justified and are reasonable expressions of anger. When Ann Hansen (of the Vancouver 5) threw a tomato at the judge who sentenced her to life imprisonment, I was cheering inside. While I believe that we should attack institutions rather than the people trapped in them, I don't feel that these harmless insults to those who try to rule us or fuck us around are wrong. Telling our V.P. to fuck off was a natural reaction to all the shit he tried to pile on us. Theres' a limlt to what we can take; eventually you just have to say,"fuck you, I don't want this anymore". We reached that limit.

But this natural expression of our anger had to be supressed because it was 'alienating the other students'. They weren't prepared to accept emotions as valid. We had to be nice and rational if we wanted popular support. It was a tough decision; I think that neither side looked good. We dropped the 'fuck you'issue in the interests of mobilizing students, better forgotten, or so they said. But that didn't help my feelings.

I so often must supress my anger to appeal to a larger group who wouldn't understand it. Writing angry articles was an outlet for my feelings, much more constructive than taking it out in other fashions. But now that outlet was taken away. If I tried to hide the feelings I fear they could come out in violence. My feelings are valid: yet no one seems prepared to accept that. Maybe if people looked at expressions of this more deeply they might understand it, rather than putting it down as simply 'mouthing off'.

I have been guilty of the same, and only now do I realize it. I used to think many 'fanzines' in a similar way, as having artistic but not political merit. They came across as simple sloganeering, and not being successful in transmitting any message. I was wrong. Many fanzines (of course, there are exceptions) are expressions of the emotions of their contributors. I hadn't recognized this this and just assumed they were worthless. But while they may not explain their point of veiw in a 'rational, reasonable manner', they show a side we are too often guilty of neglecting. We can't ignore our feelings when they play such an important role in our lives. The people who express their emotions in papers or fanzines (and this includes the author of the 'fuck you' letter) shouldn'd be attacked, but respected. The opposite happened at my school, but it doesn't have to be that way. All I'm trying to say is to consider what you read, give it a second thought, it may say alot more than you see at first glance.

Kevin Thomas

ANARCHY

Anarchy isn't just a train of thought, it's action, and action is what we need. It's great to talk about it, but when the time comes are you going to stand up? are you gonna conform? or are you gonna hide in a hole? The posters and symbols mean nothing if you won't stand up for them.

It's time we stood up and started saying something everywhere we go or else how are people going to know what you have to say? Don't just paint an anarchy symbol cause they don't know what it means let alone understand it. Print material stating what you think and they might read it and <u>think</u>. There are many ways of doing things, and they are all nesessary in our struggle, so chose the one you do best and give it a full effort.

Thanx to everyone who has corresponded with us, and thanx to anyone who helped with the magazine. Unity is the key, understanding is help, and help is what we need.

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